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Water-supply scheme for Tindivanam.

* 423 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any scheme with the Government for the provision of drinking water-supply to the Tindivanam Municipal area in South Arcot district; and, if there is any, when it will be executed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"The plans and estimates for the first stage of the Tindivanam Water-supply Scheme comprising the construction of an experimental well and the conduct of yield and quality tests have been approved by the Government. The Executive Engineer (Public Health), Central Division, has taken up the scheme for execution."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—"Sir, is there any other scheme to get water from the river?"

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER:—"Is any amount allotted for taking up the work this year in 1953-54?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"The municipality has agreed to finance the scheme from their funds, Sir."

Applications under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949.

* 424 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications for (i) selection felling and (ii) clear felling were received by this Government under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, from Malabar during 1952–53;

(*b*) how many of these applications were for cultivation purposes;

(*c*) what is the total area involved in these applications;

(*d*) how many applications were rejected and how many sanctioned; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any information as to the area cultivated and the area left waste after clear felling has been made during the last three years?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(*a*) Ninety-five applications for selection felling and 132 applications for clear felling were received during 1952–53.

"(*b*) Ninety-one applications were for cultivation purposes.

"(*c*) 7,917 acres.

"(*d*) Permits were granted in 64 applications for selection felling and 27 applications were rejected. As regards applications for clear felling, permission was granted in 67 cases and 49 applications were rejected. Four applications for selection felling and sixteen applications for clear felling are pending disposal.